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- 1 The lecturer at first looks wise,
Starts low then takes a riser,
Then plunges forth in heated guise
Then froths and spouts—*A Geyser.*
- 2 Succeeding verses show some nerve
And possibly some fervor;
Produced by William N. Meserve,
A somewhat bold rhy*Me server.*
- 3 With verse the world is overflowed;
Helps this to overload her?
It's good and justifies the ode
That yields a pleasing odor.
- 4 The sweet-breathed calla ever shall
Delight us with its pallor;
The author wrote this book in Cal.,
The State that grows the calla.

- 5 Heaven's flag has waved since time began,
We give it glad hosanna;
To all things bad it is a ban,
To all things good, a banner.
- 6 So much depends upon one's goal;
Must be a self-controller;
And every rightly ordered soul
Less lunar is than solar.
- 7 'Twere better much the mouth to shut
Than merely utter mutter;
Whoever expletives with tut
May some day stut-tut-tutter.
- 8 What mighty consequences cram
Within some little clamor!
It's often true, only a dram
Preludes a shameful drama.
- 9 A fine gift is the gift of wit,
Delightful, seldom bitter;
Whose wisdom-lamp when brightly lit
Reveals a world of litter.
- 10 Hats at attractive gold will doff
As slips it in the coffer;
They're seldom known to call it off
Who have a golden offer.

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- 11 This puts you, snuffers in a huff;
You rate *me* as a duffer;
Reserve your venom for the snuff
That puts *you* in the snuffer.
- 12 And still the serried armies grow
And multiply the more;
And to the front they quickly go
To pour the more their gore.
- 13 Ne'er everlasting any calm,
Appears in course some harmer;
At proper sounding of alarm
The wise are seen all armor.
- 14 In memory we ever shall
Our mother dear recall her;
Nor can there be an interval
That will not hint her valor.
- 15 No use to treat it with disdain
For nothing can be plainer,
There is no power in weak champagne
To make a strong campaigner.
- 16 There's much that loves the grovel groove,
To move it needs maneuver;
But all such takes a hasty move
When dynamite's the mover.

- 17 Some matters rude may yield much good,
Somewhat of good things cruder;
No Lion lairs in lowly Jude,
Press on to Him of Judah!
- 18 The sneak will always dog the great,
Obsequiously a waiter;
Possessing just the kind of trait
That blossoms large in traitor.
- 19 No matter if the times are calm
And soundless the alarmer;
'Twere well to wear upon the arm
Some good defensive armor.
- 20 I need but simply to allege
Without the aid of wager
That I was once an army maj.—
No, not the Ursa Major.
- 21 On every hand is evidence
That grows the while intenser
That every one of good sound sense
Should swing a heav'n-lit censer.
- 22 Whoever will may surely hear
And hear it growing clearer,
Comes sweetly whisp'ring to the ear
A coming golden era.

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- 23 No doubt the world since time began
Has had its propaganda;
He's worshiper of old god Pan
Who to his sins will pander.
- 24 Some learners have the quest in eye
And show a strong desire
To find what best will edify
And hold a steady fire.
- 25 How gladly we strong drink eschew,
We thirst for water pure;
So boozing meets its Waterloo
Before the water lure.
- 26 You'd better lay than raise a dust
For nought is gained by bluster;
When duty plainly says you must!
Then all your forces muster.
- 27 'Tis grand to be iconoclast
And tear things down the faster;
Who stumbles on a bioplast
Might need to buy a plaster.
- 28 It's churchly light that's chiefly bright
And bleaches darkness whiter;
The church when right is heaven's light,
Beware how you do slight her.

- 29 The common scheme is take your ease
And of yourself be pleaser;
Be careful every prize to seize
And so rank well with Caesar.
- 30 To think is more than "slinging ink,"
A thinker's more than tinker;
Significant is thin in think—
The sloven of a thinker.
- 31 What cunning craft now skim the sky,
Fulfilling man's desire!
No bird so high may hope to fly
Or spy a higher flyer.
- 32 Do not expect a man of rank
For "rank and file" to hanker;
As well expect a sandy bank
To charm a handy banker.
- 33 So many youth go to the bad,
Whatever could be sadder?
On every side we see some lad
Descend the moral ladder.
- 34 The wish above the earth to fly
Denotes a good desire;
Whoever gains the noble high
Discerns a nobler higher.

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- 35 Much treatment by the world is rough
And often hard to suffer;
When treated to a hard rebuff
Slip in a soft-word buffer.
- 36 The more around the world we rove
And look its contents over
The more we see how small is Jove,
How infinite JEHOVAH!
- 37 Than prose or verse some things are worse,
More need they an immerser;
Much prose is gross and worse some verse
And ditto vice versa.
- 38 The night-life makes you deviate,
Of right-life makes you hater;
Its wine-cup makes you scintillate
And ever sin till later.
- 39 On every hand mankind agree
And hold th' opinion clear
That tho' one have an eye to see
He may not be a seer.
- 40 The world is ever falling short,
Their structures constant totter;
Because they put in place of ought
Lies soft as fur of otter.

- 41 If heaven is in your heart's intent
And Christ is your Precentor,
With Godly grief you must repent,
Sow heavenly seed, reap, enter.
- 42 She, Virtue, tramples idols all,
Is free from slavish collar,
A long call past the reign of doll
And empire of the dollar.
- 43 Her noblest deeds are not with foam,
Writ small is her diploma,
And yet her deeds for God and home
Are epics for a Homer.
- 44 In things of taste she is acute
And easily a tutor;
Instinctive knows what best will suit,
Who suit her best as suitor.
- 45 Construct of it a back-door mat
Then tramp it to a tatter
Because it is so low and flat,
The stuff that's meant to flatter.
- 46 Be not we beg extravagant
In foolish talk and banter;
For Peace is e'er intolerant
Of every folly ranter.

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- 47 To money bags men bend the knee
Responsive to their cheer;
If tempted with a greenback V
They're seldom seen to veer.
- 48 Water on molten masses poured
Is off in steam 'short order';
Heroics of a tinner's sword
Will effervesce like soda.
- 49 I like things warm with right good will,
I love it not, a chiller;
With all my faults I love me still—
Small love for the distiller.
- 50 Some places need much more than chill,
They need a barrel-spiller;
Is wanted some one armed to kill,
Some Jack the "joint" killer.
- 51 The world they say is derelict,
Awaits a tone-up victor;
Is wanted something to constrict,
A mighty bo' constrictor.
- 52 We must to what is right be true
And make foundations sure;
By righteous standards we must do
If what we do endure.

- 53 No one is rising to deny
Unless some crusty crier—
There's fire enough in brandy pie
To blaze a funeral pyre.
- 54 As says the preacher-man to you
So you should be a doer;
For every rightly ordered pew
Demands the Gospel pure.
- 55 The lash will make one's passions fly
And set him all on fire;
Yet nine and thirty on the eye
Will not arouse his ire.
- 56 How simple is the primal act,
How swollen by an actor!
Things lessen some when they contract—
Made big by a contractor.
- 57 Earth's probe is scarce beyond the edge,
Heaven's search is with a dredger;
Accounts of earth merely allege,
On high is kept a ledger.
- 58 He's not beyond the childish stage,
Can't pass the standard gauger,
Who, worse then foolish, puts his wage
Upon a wicked wager.

- 59 Somewhat of what we may call mist
Is seen in him, a mister;
More myst-ery we do insist
In her consists, his sister.
- 60 No longer wait but do it now,
While still remains the power,
To make and keep a sturdy vow
Nought harmful to devour.
- 61 The earth by curse is set apart,
The victim of foul barter,
Whose drugs in Satan's fatal mart
Make this poor world a martyr.
- 62 How many they who strut and flout
In guises of the doubter
Whose doubting doubtless shuts them out
In darkness that is outer.
- 63 'Tis written large in Wisdom's book,
'Twas folly that mistook her—
'Tis gangrene to the eyes that look
With greed on "filthy lucre."
- 64 'Gainst lust let all that's good and just
All righteous forces muster;
Forever every leering lust
Denies the soul its lustre.

- 65 Things beautiful have mighty lure
For him the long endurer;
The pinch of little makes him poor
And longing makes him poorer.
- 66 How easy is the step to take
From rightness down to faker!
How little are the things *we* make,
Of great things God is maker.
- 67 To be or not to be said he,
The bard of Avon, seer;
With lapse of time 'tis not to be
With those who booze on beer.
- 68 On heaven's highway no rogues may stalk
Nor any thievish walker;
In ocean depths there needs no lock
On "Davy Jones's locker."
- 69 Success at making common bricks
Requires a skilful mixer;
Whoever tries at man's "best licks"
Needs Gospel's best elixir.
- 70 At loneliness we make ado,
No one shall us immure;
Blest company e'er calls for two,
Looks unto two to tour.

- 71 No day may ever need be dull,
Of good it might be fuller;
From Bible readings one may cull
What gives to life its color.
- 72 To blazing fires consign the whip,
Frown down the clown the whipper;
All right when handy foot lets slip
The fine corrective slipper.
- 73 The liar when he comes to die
Must quiver in the fire;
Yet heavenly melodies may lie
Within a quivering lyre!
- 74 Some cunning rogues are coolly cute,
Related to the looter;
Forever seeking to impute
Bright silver's worth to pewter.
- 75 This has no reference to you,
You're better bred I'm sure;
But some there are whose word is pooh!
When asked to help the poor.
- 76 'Twere well to make and keep a vow
To do what's in our power,
To know how best to live and how
To use the present hour.

- 77 Inclined is she to jeer and scoff
When nothing comes as proffer;
By word and action says, "hands off"—
Unless a hand's the offer.
- 78 *Mahogany* has hog in view
And much of pigment sure;
'Twould surely make a funny chew
But makes fine furniture.
- 79 Before great schemes 'twere well to bow
And seek for needful power;
Hare-brained are they who seize a scow
The mighty seas to scour.
- 80 Some fight at dropping of a hat
And rave with wicked clatter;
And never end the foolish spat
Till blood begins to spatter.
- 81 There is a gentle, harmless wit
That cutely is a hitter;
Unlike acidulated twit—
More like some soft sweet twitter.
- 82 Admire we those who dare to fly
And up to heights aspire;
Who leave the ground and upward hie
To sightly heights sky higher.

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- 83 I knew a doctor, oft he chose
To hitch his chair up closer
That he might use his practised nose
As truthful diagnoser.
- 84 Some things have rose-scent for the nose
But to the eye brought closer
Are least suggestive of the rose
So hideous sub rosa!
- 85 If one should seek me to undo
By mean discomfiture
I'd put on him a size-small shoe
To make my vengeance sure.
- 86 Sharp lunar caustic maketh whole,
The body's swift controller;
The sorer ailments of the soul
Need caustic that is Solar.
- 87 Connecticut is ranked first rate
By every commentator;
The little nutmeg State *is* great—
Near by she finds a gr(e)ater.
- 88 Have at them with a heavy maul
Until enough! they "holler;"
Who fan the fires of base base-ball
Each one's a low bass bawler.

- 89 Great numbers have the tramping lust
And move along with bluster;
They show unnumbered specks o' dust
On every "exoduster."
- 90 There is a word, 'tis full of glee
And quite as full of cheer,
A lovely word, begins with D,
Completes itself in dear.
- 91 The ne'er-do-well who shows great lack
And ever grows the slacker,
He should be made to toe the crack
Or hunger for his cracker.
- 92 Earth's noble prizes him await
Who crosses his equator;
He who's all talk, no operate,
Is but a sorry prater.
- 93 Twixt wing and leg we instant know
Which pleases us the more;
Yet pass we by the flying crow
And choose the running crower.
- 94 It is the never-changing lot
To every son and daughter
That what in childhood is a "tot"
In age becomes a totter.

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- 95 At dinner-time no one's inert,
Is rarely found alerter;
The advent of a good dessert
Is marked by no deserter.
- 96 Exceeding great should be our care
To be the right flag bearer;
That as we on life's journey fare
'Tis toward a region fairer.
- 97 What if what follows could be true
'Twould make your fortune sure:
The graces all are found in you,
They all in you inure.
- 98 It's well with each man to go straight,
A careful operator;
Beware how you manipulate
Or one may nip you later.
- 99 Don't fly into an angry heat,
Much better to be sweeter;
Give sugar taken from the beet
Is better than to beat her.
- 100 That home is surely on the wise
That's run by no mean miser;
Among the best of happy ties
Is found the appetiser.

- 101 He wants to do the handsome thing
And studies what to bring her;
He hesitates between a ring—
Or, better still, a wringer.
- 102 He calls things ornamental, bosh!
Declares they give him nausea;
Such fol-de-rol he says wont wash—
And so provides a washer.
- 103 Efficiency is found in few
Whose promises are sure;
A noisy, blustering ado
Scarce represents a doer.
- 104 You give a glutton mild rebuff
He'll turn on you the rougher;
He's made of poorest kind of stuff
Who's but a stomach stuffer.
- 105 Whoever lets his morals slip,
The victim of a tripper,
May sometimes do quite well to skip
With some outsailing skipper.
- 106 With some we join in covenant
And some we leave instanter;
Whoe'er encounters can't and cant
Should leave them at a canter.

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- 107 Whoever is with notions filled
 Will prove a foolish builder;
 No matter how he may be willed
 They'll surely him bewilder.
- 108 There is a great prize that is high
 That any may acquire;
 At first approach the prize as spy,
 Then mightily aspire!
- 109 I seek for gold a thousand fine,
 For Him the skilled Refiner;
 The Bible is the mine, and mine,
 If I serve well as miner.
- 110 When comes some buzzing scandal-chat
 Give it no chance to scatter
 But wipe it on the back-door mat
 If 'tis a trifling matter.
- 111 The queens of song are singing on
 And each has honors on her;
 Whatever laurels they may don
 Mary's the pre Madonna.
- 112 Your face against all gambling set
 Or find yourself in fetter;
 Great foolishness it is to bet;
 Bet not, "you bet," you'd better.

- 113 Beware the heedless heartless crew
 Of whom each one is boor;
 Who, seeking to discomfort you,
 Work your discomfiture.
- 114 Low-spirited and dull are you,
 You hardly can endure?
 The Gospel gives to you a cue
 To point you to a cure!
- 115 We strongly urge you to be well
 And be a right good "feller;"
 But should it come, a feeble *spel*,
 Call in the—Webster speller.
- 116 The man of words we're apt to flout,
 Especially a shouter;
 What house can do without a spout,
 What town without a spouter?
- 117 The noisy world wears deep its rut
 And gossips wide its mutter;
 'Twere well to keep the mutter shut
 To sputter under shutter.
- 118 Admire we him who's boldly brave,
 We take him into favor;
 He launches forth and breasts the wave
 And calmly waives a waver.

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- 119 Not every one who on demand
Is of big fish a lander;
The man who wins a propagand'
He is a proper gander.
- 120 Whatever instruments are in
The dinner bell is winner;
There is no music like the din
That calls us in to dinner.
- 121 The fight is on, its heat is white,
Incessantly grows brighter;
And looks to see each neophyte
Become a hero fighter.
- 122 Countless around are friends and foes
"Like leaves in Val Ombrosa;"
And how most properly to pose
Quite often is a poser.
- 123 The highways of the world you try
To see what they require;
You Wisdom see, don't pass her by
She'd have you be a buyer.
- 124 The wilful one who will not see
The blindest does appear;
And "deaf as a post" is he
Who'll *pos'tively* not hear.

- 125 Forever since man's world began
The food that takes the banner
And is most prof'table for man
Is heaven's soul-feeding manna.
- 126 'Tis good, yes, better is the best
As seen by every tester;
The grand superlative is est,
Delightf'ly seen in Esther.
- 127 Some leading men, their names are blank,
Took ship and nearly sank her;
'Tis strange that men of highup rank
Should show the lowdown rancor.
- 128 A "frozen smile" however bland
Is to the true as slander;
Like splendid fruitage when it's canned,
If I may speak with candor.
- 129 Eureka! happily our feet
Pursue the path discreeter
If only happily we meet
Attuned to common metre.
- 130 We search and come at last to see
One Lord alone appear;
To Him we gladly bend the knee;
No other far or near.

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- 131 He should be smitten on the kopf
And sent to play the gopher;
There's universal use for loaf
But none at all for loafer.
- 132 We hear of ways the "drop" to drop,
They're scarcely worth a copper;
The real, royal way to stop
Is stop the popping stopper.
- 133 Great joy to some is in a spat
No matter what the matter;
The luxury of "tit for tat"
Precursor is of tatter.
- 134 Some get their passions all inflate
And think their pleasure greater;
Some others when they recreate
List well to their Creator.
- 135 Heaven's Architect is heaven's Lord
Declared by heaven's recorder;
Before His mighty works we're awed,
Spellbound to see their order.
- 136 Whate'er you have that's much at fault
Is something good to alter;
And music is not seen in salt
Except you make it psalter.

- 137 When what you say gains a hurrah!
Intending you to flatter
The danger is that such *eclat*
Degenerate to clatter.
- 138 Some little one may be anoint
To join or be disjointer;
Some little sharp acute penpoint
Is oft to great things pointer.
- 139 So much to master and to know
And multiplies the more;
The intellect starts strangely low—
Climbs high while getting lore.
- 140 Earth's axis end has long been goal
To tempt the eager stroller;
'Tis claimed they've fairly reached the Pole—
Now reach the star more polar!
- 141 Perfection's seat is 'way 'way back,
'Tis difficult to track her;
In almost everything is lack—
Save putty or some lacquer.
- 142 A never ending faker host
This poor world seems to foster;
Impose a ruinous impost
On every such imposter!

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- 143 Sailors are held both hard and fast
Safeguard against disaster;
The more they are "before the mast"
The more behind the master.
- 144 Life's highway you are traveling on
Can lead to endless honor;
Fight on before your chance is gone,
Fight on or you're a "goner"!
- 145 Low living loosely, lacking light,
Of danger is inviter;
Whoe'er is living under right
Should seek heaven's Underwriter.
- 146 But little of the earth is tilled,
Her beckoning hands bewilder;
For things uncommon you are billed,
Arise and be a builder!
- 147 You wish to find a happy home,
A home that's no misnomer?
'Twere worth the while to go aroam
To find earth's best aroma.
- 148 In seeming innocence she's wrapt,
Than she there's none that's apter;
And when with picture hat she's capt
She wears the airs of captor.

- 149 Maturing youth has boyish craze
 T'impress the casual gazer;
 A man's beard is his hope to raise—
 To fall before the razor.
- 150 Poor creatures we, we all aver,
 Tho' possibly in error;
 When our poor bodies they inter
 Will *we* be found in terra?
- 151 The spirit of all wars is mean,
 To spoil and render leaner;
 Where dispositions are irene
 Avoid they war's arena.
- 152 Whoever sees a pick'rel swish
 Instanter is a wisher;
 A first-rate place for fried fresh fish
 Is in the lingual fissure.
- 153 'Twere well our dark forebodings ceased;
 Let every one be feaster;
 For He who glories west and east
 Has glorified our Easter.
- 154 Invading firesides is no joke,
 It wakes the moody croaker;
 Who says: The nose that dares to poke
 Invites the handy poker.

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- 155 Look to the sky they proudly say,
See suns on suns up there;
That only is a "milky way"—
Down here's a butter weigher.
- 156 Tobacco chewing's *down* to date
And needs a swift abater;
A chewer must expect to rate
A vile expectorater.
- 157 Some women, few, strange garb assume
Of whom 'tis said by rumor
That they have lost their radiant bloom
Who radiate in bloomer.
- 158 Behooves me sure to be discreet
And possibly be sweeter;
Need not exhort me to be neat—
I am a true "Bean Eater."
- 159 Each morning, noon and every e'en
We seek the way that's cleaner;
We crave that things that would demean
Attack not our demeanor.
- 160 Keep calm and cool, be not extreme,
Nor be a foolish dreamer;
Have care, beware a fiery theme
That brings on erythema.

- 161 Sweet sympathy we love to see
And of it love to hear;
Serves noble purpose "to a T"
When glistened by a tear.
- 162 Let them who will some goddess serve
With much or little fervor;
More profit find I in *my* nerve
Than aught from her, Minerva.
- 163 He measures but a little span
Who never is a planner;
He's "small potatoes" of a man
Who nothing cares for manner.
- 164 So much the world develops sham,
So much is merely glamour;
So little like the noiseless clam
So much like noisy clamor.
- 165 Awaits the world the garbage cart
To ferret every quarter
For slang just fairly floods the mart;
To that the world is martyr.
- 166 He well deserves some handling rough,
Should get it from a cuffer;
When prowling 'round with sneezy snuff
Efface him with a snuffer.

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- 167 There is a snake that's very bad,
Regard it from a ladder;
We'd rather it subtract than add,
That poison-dealing adder.
- 168 If one I know were only dumb
I'd welcome him as comer;
He comes, finds in my ear his drum
And plays the part of drummer.
- 169 Some marshall wildly all their force
And shout till they get hoarser;
Their veins swell up to varicose,
Their speech gets coarse and coarser.
- 170 You'd better her ill will abate
With some pacificater
Or else you'll find that lass irate
May use a lacerater.
- 171 Philosophers of great big eye
To giddy heights aspire;
But reach instead of heights, O my,
Such floundering depths o' mire!
- 172 Some kinds of hate are quite innate
Appearing soon or later;
You never can domesticate
A sour-dough masticator.

- 173 Looked far and wide on every side
 My circle growing wider;
 At last! I cried on having spied
 A real web-foot spider.
- 174 In California they assign
 Great value to the miner,
 Requiring eighteen forty nine
 To make one "forty-niner."
- 175 Far better not in danger go
 Because you may deplore;
 Much better not your small skiff row
 Where heartless breakers roar.
- 176 Small brooks to mighty rivers lead,
 The small to great is feeder;
 How singularly small the seed
 That grows a soaring cedar!
- 177 Of Bible people there's no end
 Of those who evil render;
 Among the many "which" offend
 We note the witch of Endor.
- 178 In Death's hard hand the bow is bent
 With arrow made to enter;
 At given signal it is sent
 And finds the mark at centre.

- 179 With drunkards everything's aslant,
 They wobble as they saunter;
Upon a drunken mendicant
 You find a men's decanter.
- 180 To see the mountains many go
 But soon have raptures more
That multiply with O and Oh!
 At sight of golden ore.
- 181 On automobiles hear him dote,
 Owns one and is a gloater;
The eye is mainly minus mote
 That rightly sees a motor.
- 182 Who drinks too much will soon or late,
 And sooner too than later
Discover that a dizzy pate
 Attends a dissipater.
- 183 Out to the hay field blithe we go
 And give its work encore;
At scythes we sigh that grass to mow,
 We'd rather less than more.
- 184 If comes he cooing like a dove,
 Persistently to hover,
Then 'cause we dearly love to love
 We'll treasure such a lover.

- 185 He comes and gives your bell a ring,
A wicked nuisance bringer,
Just send him forthwith traveling
Forbidding him to linger.
- 186 The risk by some is counted great
By many a cordial hater;
They counsel ne'er inoculate
For fear it knock you later.
- 187 'Tis needful he should be acute,
A very bull's-eye shooter;
And more than commonly astute
Who tongues the world as tutor.
- 188 Some writers into passion fly
Which mounts up high and higher;
In hard polemics versify—
A controversy fire.
- 189 Some one has been so mean to you
You never can endure?
Before your final act to sue
Just—dump it in the sewer!
- 190 You'll find him in his chosen clique
Against all good a kicker;
Of work he never does a lick—
Save lick his lips for liquor.

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- 191 Some schools there are of low estate,
Contending none is greater;
Beware how you matriculate
Or they may trick you later.
- 192 Into each others arms they fly,
To blissful heights aspire,
And dote upon the binding tie—
Until the *parties* tire.
- 195 When you and I went off to school
Our ardor soon grew cooler;
Closely allied to proper rule
We found the handy ruler.
- 194 Music hath power to quick the brain,
A wonderful constrainer;
Against some siren's sweet refrain
Be a discreet refrainer.
- 195 I had a fowl and got his mate
And gave her to a waiter
To coop her and domesticate—
That same domestic ate her.
- 196 Just as men sow they always reap
And scarce a truth probes deeper;
And they who scheme and get and keep
Will some day get a keeper.

- 197 Much talk on talk will much befog
And little good will augur;
Contestants in such dialogue
Will set their "heads a-logger."
- 198 I'm in for harmless sparks of fun—
Blank cartridge kind of gunner;
Materials and make home spun—
A little weak Holmes punner.
- 199 Residing where volcanoes hiss
You call it Buena Vista;
Resembles much the kind of bliss
Discovered in a blister.
- 200 He who as yet is but half-fledge
Should carefully be hedger;
Some people, instant to allege,
No day book keep nor ledger.
- 201 'Twere ever well to guard the lip,
Quick temper is a tripper;
Whoever wears the shoulder-chip
May soon feel far from "chipper."
- 202 Down, down they go in swath that's wide,
A down that is not "eider;"
Some drink themselves to suicide
On alcoholic cider.

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- 203 Each one is hailed—wake out of trance,
Press on a true advancer;
Who never overcomes his can'ts
Will breed a moral cancer.
- 204 But little does he wet the lip
Who merely is a sipper;
God, bountiful, would have him dip
With heaven's great northern dipper.
- 205 We're in demand, myself and you,
Respond we must for sure;
The likes of us were always few,
We fear we're getting fewer.
- 206 He eats at will and drinks at will,
Of rightness is a killer;
He won't do well but will sin till
Of sense he's no scintilla.
- 207 For money many fume and fret
And every one's a sweater;
But riches sorrow will beget—
Go slow's the better getter.
- 208 The distance short and short the time
And all of it sublimer—
He comes to every kind of clime,
The aviating climber.

- 209 You write, you think, a melody
Expecting cheers t'appear;
You feel quite sure of eulogy—
They give to you low jeer.
- 210 Your mouth-marks seem to indicate
That you have played the traitor;
And if it was in sin you ate
They are insinuator.
- 211 Mean gossip hath an aftermath
That to great harm is father;
Be sure and "tell it not in Gath"
Nor where the gossips gather.
- 212 She is so cute and elegant,
So ready for a banter!
Beams on us with a charming chant,
Is charmer and enchanter.
- 213 The way of indolence forsake,
It is a trouble-maker;
One way to dissipate its ache
Is, cultivate your acre.
- 214 We dearly love the modest beau
Who never is a bore;
Unlike the man of wordy flow
Who takes and holds the floor.

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- 215 To stuff their stomachs many give
The labor of a beaver;
But they who merely eat to live
Fear no rebellious liver.
- 216 Hard disappointment in the main
Meets him, a poor maintainer;
Whoever will "try, try again"
Is apt to be a gainer.
- 217 The world is full of base "clap trap"
And people merely dapper;
Whose eyes mayhap have endless snap,
Whose tongue is mostly snapper.
- 218 Time flies and ever fatefully
And brings your ending near;
Give careful heed and listen ye!
Is this your fateful year?
- 219 In prophecy the proper way
Is list the true purveyor;
It matters little what *I* say,
List well what says Isaiah!
- 220 So much we need a pleasing tact
So much life's pleasing factor!
It proper is to be exact—
But not a hard exactor.

- 221 In Paul's great splendid three ranks one
Passed by by many a shunner;
FAITH greatly helps life's race to run,
Wings on the faithful runner.
- 222 One virtue helps us to be brave,
Forbids that we should waver;
HOPE has ability to save
And has the heavenly savor.
- 223 HOPE has a crown, a fadeless wreath
Of sweet celestial heather;
Transcends whate'er is found beneath,
Its heath has e'er been ether.
- 224 The greatest of Paul's royal three,
It floods the world with cheer;
It rhymes with dove and ends with E,
So pleasing to the ear.
- 225 You'll find it no uncommon fate
As seen by common data;
Men wide and wider still dilate—
Dilating still, die later.
- 226 The hungry tramp his wits must use
To circumvent abusers;
He begs and what he gets he chews
Tho' "beggars can't be choosers."

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- 227 No need to be a pachyderm
Nor ever much to murmur;
The way to stand in terror firm,
Stand on God's terra firma!
- 228 To make adjustments study hard,
Such study is rewarder.
'Twere well indeed to preen with nard
Lest something dampen ardor.
- 229 Life's problem largely is to thrive
And each must be contriver;
Who gains from business would derive
Not driven is but driver!
- 230 It's better to avoid the path
Where evil forces gather;
Escape we should the path of wrath
And choose the peaceful rather.
- 231 The mind diseased wrecks not a few
Whose ailments are obscure;
He happy is who gets the cue
That leads up to a cure.
- 232 Bright minted gold men love to see
And, getting, hold it dear;
A freshly issued greenback V
Most people will revere.

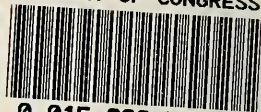
- 233 Beware the swagg'ring loafer chap,
His goods aren't worth the wrapper;
He isn't worth a rag-man's scrap
Who poses as a "scrapper."
- 234 Your bumptious boy himself "allows"
He classes with the rousers;
Is more than average he trows—
He pants to trundle trousers.
- 235 The sword is emblem of a fight,
A tooth denotes a biter;
What smites and conquers left and right
Is pencil of a writer.
- 236 To see some things of sharp dissent
Forbid by conscience-mentor
Should paint the face of any gent
The color of magenta.
- 237 You never need go far to find
A prevalent reminder
That they are blindest of the blind
Whose eyelid is their blinder.
- 238 It may be nice to "chew the rag"
And banter with a swagger;
You'd rather ride a crow-bait nag
Than auto with a nagger.

- 239 Be careful what you put on file
Else you may please the smiler;
And only swell the scrapman's pile
For he is chief compiler.
- 240 There is a sect that worries me,
An insect 'tis, severe;
I only need to see the flea
And you would see the fleer.
- 241 In raising dust there is some risk
But if it need be brisker
'Tis this would make a royal whisk,
A tattler's busy whisker.
- 242 'Twere better much to be recluse
Than be a license user;
Whoe'er in moral things is loose
Is sure to be the loser.
- 243 Around and 'round is busy blat,
A never ending clatter;
For what they say and call it chat
Related is to chatter.
- 244 To strongest ranks do vict'ries go?
Not so says hist'ries' lore;
Oft victor he who daunts the foe
E'en tho' they number four.

- 245 By no means is't an eagle scream
Or fancy of a dreamer;
The Stars and Stripes command esteem
On land or on a steamer.
- 246 There is a prize for him who tries,
A diligent deviser;
He's poorly wise if penny-wise,
Arise! get wise and wiser.
- 247 'Tis nice upon the sea to go
And sail it o'er and o'er;
But fatally there is no show
Unless there is a shore.
- 248 There is a way to walk upon
Where's found no low-bred scorne;
Where one may struggle on and on
And win the crown of honor.
- 249 In life's career small chance for halt
Nor much its course to alter;
And greatly is a man at fault
Who finds a chance to falter.
- 250 She seeks a hero, that's no sin
Because 'twas born within her;
She needs to be a heroine
To be a hero winner.

- 251 It's hard to know just where you're at
In statecraft's tangled data;
It takes a cunning diplomat
To probe a deep-low matter.
- 252 They're not a few we should defend,
Glad service we should render;
To such we kindly should attend
Whose hearts are torn and tender.
- 253 It's scarce a tragedy to die
So common to expire;
The bloody cross, *that* makes me sigh
Rememb'ring the Messiah.
- 254 How royal is the noble trend
Of those who rightness render!
And come they to a glad, glad end
And more than glad addenda.

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